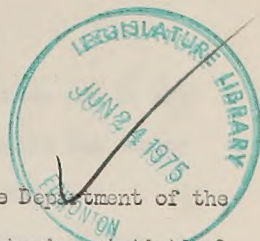


Alba & Dept of the Provincial Secretary

February 24th, 1958.

The Honourable A. J. Hooke,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.



Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the year ending December 31st, 1957, showing statistical detail of the services rendered and of the activities coming under the purview of the Department, covering the calendar year 1957 and showing the revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1957.

The statistics are given in tabular form showing comparisons for three successive years and are arranged in the following order.

Fiscal Year Revenue	Table I
Amusements Branch	
Amusements Tax Division	Table II
Censorship Division	Table III
Theatre Inspection Division	Table IV
Companies Branch	Table V
Fire Commissioner's Branch	Table VI
Fuel Oil Tax Branch	Table VII
General Office	Table VIII
Insurance Branch	Table IX

Revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1957, showed an increase of 9.0% over the revenue for the preceding fiscal year.

Amusements Tax revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1957, declined by 8.8% from the revenue for the previous fiscal year. This followed the removal of tax from admissions up to and including 35¢ effective July 1st, 1956. The tax picture was again changed effective July 1st, 1957, when admissions up to and including 65¢ were exempt from tax. Pari-mutual betting during the racing season of 1957 showed an increase of 30.6% over the previous year, while the number

of days racing in 1957 was 61 as compared with 49 days in 1956, an increase of 25.9%. The number of new 35 m.m. pictures reviewed by the Board of Censors in 1957 decreased by 8.7% while the number of new 16 m.m. pictures reviewed decreased by 44.2%.

The number of companies incorporated under The Companies Act in 1957 was up 7.5% from the number incorporated in the previous year while the number of foreign companies registered was up by 10.7%. After strike-offs and restorations to the register there was a net increase in the number of companies registered (provincial and foreign) at the end of the year of 8.3%.

The estimated per capita property loss by fire within the Province in 1957 was down by 5.6% from the previous year and down by 10% from the 1955 loss.

Total gallonage sales of all fuel oil to consumers in the Province in the year 1957 declined by 4.4% from the previous year's sales, but sales of taxable fuel oil in 1957 increased by 7.5% over 1956.

Licences issued to insurance companies, agents and adjusters in the licensing year ending in 1957 showed a 6.6% increase from the previous year. Licences issued to real estate agents and salesmen increased by 22.4% in the licensing year ending June 30th, 1957. By amendments to The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act in 1957, the system of annual renewals of real estate licences was abandoned in favour of issuing permanent licences, subject to suspension or cancellation by the Superintendent of Insurance. This change became effective on July 1st, 1957.

Insurance premiums written in Alberta in 1956 (the latest year for which figures are presently available) amounted to \$87,255,250. or a per capita premium of \$77.69. This represents an increase in premiums written over the year 1955 of 8.7% and an increase in the per capita premium of 3.2%.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Hughes  
Deputy Provincial Secretary



## FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

TABLE I

1954-551955-561956-57

## AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

Amusements Tax	\$1,124,745.80	\$1,013,757.36	\$ 922,756.89
Pari-Mutuel Tax	374,375.11	412,674.94	451,607.03
Censorship Fees	40,968.00	45,994.50	42,060.00
Licence Fees, Theatres, Halls, etc.	27,015.83	26,022.05	23,063.18
Licence Fees, Moving Picture Operators	3,281.60	2,311.25	2,225.15
Total, Amusements Branch	<u>\$1,570,386.39</u>	<u>\$1,500,760.10</u>	<u>\$1,441,717.25</u>

## COMPANIES BRANCH

Alberta Companies Incorporated	\$ 123,546.17	\$ 113,427.86	\$ 181,560.90
Foreign Companies Registered	41,589.13	42,060.72	43,467.03
Extracts and Searches	<u>5,662.13</u>	<u>8,008.95</u>	<u>16,565.38</u>
Total, Companies Act	\$ 175,797.43	\$ 193,497.53	\$ 241,593.31
Companies Information Act	5.00		
Corporations Taxation Act	18.60	18.00	424.00
Trust Companies Act	118.30	105.00	90.00
Miscellaneous Acts, Registrations	1,540.80	1,664.50	1,307.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>2.00</u>	
Total, Companies Branch	<u>\$ 177,480.13</u>	<u>\$ 195,287.03</u>	<u>\$ 243,414.31</u>

## FIRE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH

Fire Prevention Tax	\$ 42,116.69	\$ 39,655.58	\$ 37,690.51
Lightning Rod Act, Licences	<u>175.52</u>	<u>311.20</u>	<u>183.60</u>
Total, Fire Commissioner's Branch	<u>\$ 42,292.21</u>	<u>\$ 39,966.78</u>	<u>\$ 37,874.11</u>

## FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

Fuel Oil Tax (Net of Commissions)	<u>\$18,576,962.53</u>	<u>\$20,256,251.39</u>	<u>\$22,256,815.45</u>
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## GENERAL OFFICE

Change of Name Act	\$ 3,860.00	\$ 3,932.00	\$ 4,623.00
Professionals Acts: Chiropody	10.00	20.00	20.00
Chiropractic	160.00		
Naturopathy	360.50		
Optometry	80.00	20.00	82.00
Queen's Counsel Letters Patent		<u>1,900.00</u>	
Total, General Office	<u>\$ 4,470.50</u>	<u>\$ 5,872.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,725.00</u>

TABLE I cont.

INSURANCE BRANCH	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>
Agents' Licence Fees	\$ 51,604.44	\$ 52,528.50	\$ 56,148.00
Companies' Licence Fees	<u>133,197.50</u>	<u>142,312.50</u>	<u>150,442.50</u>
Total, Insurance Act	\$ 184,801.94	\$ 194,841.00	\$ 206,590.50
Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	9,817.00	10,747.00	12,816.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>991.80</u>	<u>1,034.64</u>	<u>3,214.83</u>
Total, Insurance Branch	<u>\$ 195,610.74</u>	<u>\$ 206,622.64</u>	<u>\$ 222,621.33</u>
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye	\$ 11,660.28	\$ 12,856.32	\$ 17,603.88
Reimbursement of Salaries and Expenses	2,249.61	1,894.86	5,113.70
Sale of Automobiles	<u>304.20</u>	<u>300.17</u>	
Total, Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$ 14,214.09</u>	<u>\$ 15,051.35</u>	<u>\$ 22,717.58</u>
TOTAL REVENUE ALL BRANCHES	<u>\$20,581,416.59</u>	<u>\$22,219,811.29</u>	<u>\$24,229,885.03</u>



AMUSEMENTS BRANCH  
AMUSEMENTS TAX DIVISION

TABLE II

Amusements Admissions  
(Taxable Admissions Only)

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Calgary	4,540,029	3,820,911	2,602,973
Edmonton	5,467,140	4,527,226	2,986,388
Lethbridge	1,114,049	732,486	339,065
Medicine Hat	575,569	575,264	282,814
All Others	<u>7,310,505</u>	<u>5,825,136</u>	<u>2,366,743</u>
Total Admissions	19,007,292	15,481,023	8,577,983

Pari-Mutuel Betting

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Calgary	\$3,932,134.	\$4,174,288.	\$4,725,148.
Edmonton	4,373,093.	4,913,191.	7,138,466.
All Others	<u>7,888.</u>	<u>11,286.</u>	<u>16,442.</u>
Total Betting	\$8,313,115.	\$9,098,765.	\$11,880,056.

Places of Amusement Licensed

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Entertainment Halls	888	900	908
Film Exchanges	14	13	14
Itinerant Exhibitors	10	7	7
Theatres	437	404	376
Travelling Shows (including Carnivals)	<u>71</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>30</u>
Total licensed	1420	1369	1335

## AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

CENSORSHIP DIVISION

TABLE III

Standard Gauge Film (35 m.m.)

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections **</u>		
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Australian		2	6						
Brazilian		2	2		8(1)				
British	237	259	256	44(13)	50(17)	42(19)	1		
Canadian	16	12	10						
Chinese	5		6						
Cuban			4						
Danish		2	2		1(1)				
Franco-Italian		1						1	
French	10	8	14	12(2)		1(1)		1	
German	43	42	42	11(6)	29(9)	41(7)	1		
Hungarian		1	1						
Israeli		2							
Italian	27	19	28	7(2)	11(2)	8(3)	1		
Japanese	3	8							
Monaco French		2							
Polish		2							
Russian	7	11	7	5(1)		2(1)			
South African	3								
Swiss	3								
United States	2506	2380	2134	58(34)	196(86)	208(86)	3	2	4
Yiddish		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>						
Totals	2860	2754	2513	137(58)	295(116)	302(117)	6	4	4
Second Prints	<u>1848</u>	<u>1761</u>	<u>1493</u>						
Total all Films	4708	4515	4006						

\* Indicates number of individual eliminations, several of which may occur in the same film. The figures in brackets indicate the number of films from which eliminations have been made.

\*\* Indicates number of complete films rejected. Of the four films rejected in 1957, two were later approved, one upon submission of a reconstructed print and the other upon the approval by the producer of certain eliminations.

Narrow Gauge Film (16 m.m.)

TABLE III cont.

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections **</u>		
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Australian		1							
British	63	61	80	20(7)	31(8)	21(8)	1		
Canadian (French)	2								
Chinese		2							
Czechoslovakian	1								
Dutch		1							
French	82	86	72		9(1)				
German	18	2	2	3(1)	9(1)				
Hungarian	3								
Italian	7		1	4(1)					
Japanese		1	3						
Polish	1								
Russian	27	12	14	6(2)	10(2)	3(1)	1		
Swedish		2			4(1)				
Swiss	1								
Ukrainian		1							
United States) and Canada)	1759	2490	1313	47(27)	48(20)	78(35)			
	1964	2659	1485	80(38)	111(33)	102(44)	2	--	--

\* Indicates number of individual eliminations, several of which may occur in the same film. The figures in brackets indicate the number of films from which eliminations have been made.

\*\* Indicates number of complete films rejected.



AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

THEATRE INSPECTION DIVISION

TABLE IV

Theatre and Hall Inspections

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Number of Plans surveyed	24	14	8
Places recommended for licence (new and remodelled)	61	50	61
Number of places inspected	365	519	570
Recommendations made	625	820	833

Projection Room and Projector Inspections

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Projectors inspected	199	232	250
Recommendations made, re projectors	100	115	164
Recommendations made, re projection rooms	58	73	72

Projectionists' Licensing

	<u>Licences Issued</u>			<u>Examinations Held</u>		
	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
First class	13	4	2	12	2	4
Second class	17	11	17	17	17	18
Third class	47	31	44	54	34	42
Apprentice	73	74	62			
Narrow Gauge	109	98	100			
Permits	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>			
	266	226	233	83	53	64

Film Reports

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Number of films reported	62,721	61,799	61,078
Number of films revised	64	81	366
Number of films condemned	28	7	15



COMPANIES BRANCH

TABLE V

The Companies Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Provincial Companies			
Number incorporated	1263	1503	1616
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(142)	(131)	(105)
Number struck off register	293	378	632
Number restored to register	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
Net increase in Registrations	981	1136	988
Extra-Provincial Companies			
Number registered	241	224	248
(Oil and Gas Drilling)*	(72)	(32)	(54)
Number struck off register	83	103	140
Number restored to register	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Net increase in Registrations	162	123	111
Number of Companies Registered at end of year			
Provincial	9381	10,517	11,505
Extra-Provincial	<u>2584</u>	<u>2,707</u>	<u>2,818</u>
Totals	11,965	13,224	14,323

\* Included in the figures for number of companies incorporated or registered.

Incorporations Under Other Statutes

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
The Cemetery Act	3		1
The Co-operative Associations Act	30	36	40
The Credit Union Act	14	16	15
The Religious Societies' Lands Act	19	28	31
The Societies Act	178	216	195
The Trust Companies Act			<u>1</u>
Totals	244	296	283

Fire Losses (estimated)

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Property loss	\$6,810,883.	\$6,840,901.	\$6,607,646.
Per capita loss *	\$ 6.38	\$ 6.09	\$ 5.75
Loss of life	46	35	33
Injuries	32	34	37

\* Population of Alberta: 1955 - 1,066,000; 1956 - 1,123,116; 1957 - 1,149,712.

Inspection Service

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Towns inspected	581	550	454
Buildings inspected	1235	1903	2393
Plans checked	450	481	513
Written orders	170	301	296
Verbal orders	285	422	402
Written recommendations	1107	2677	2769
Special inspections	417	361	365

Fire Investigations

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Number of investigations	137	141	131
Incendiary and suspected incendiary	41	37	39
Charges laid (arson and allied offences)	12	13	10
Convictions	6	5	8
Pending	4	2	2

Investigations on Behalf of  
Superintendent of Insurance

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Investigations under Alberta Insurance Act	31	23	21
Charges laid	7	4	5
Convictions obtained	7	4	3
Investigations under Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	23	38	43
Charges laid	5	9	22
Convictions obtained	5	3	22
Pending	—	4	—



Fire Prevention Education

TABLE VI cont.

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Meetings held	179	224	364
Number of film showings	118	142	263
Attendance at Meetings	12,052	11,767	21,243
Fire Drills held (at schools, hospitals etc.)	140	286	225
Demonstrations of first aid fire fighting equipment	69	96	70
Number of Fire Prevention Week Reports	226	293	221

Fire Protection Instruction Unit

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Fire Departments inspected	119	151	93
Recommendations	126	253	67
Drills called	91	75	58

The Lightning Rod Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Companies licensed	4	—	—
Agents licensed	41	37	39
Investigations	2	3	4
Special inspections	16	23	4

FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

TABLE VII

Sales of Fuel Oil to Consumers in Alberta

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Gallons non-purple tax-exempt fuel oil	254,959,703	320,467,627	283,869,769
Gallons purple tax-exempt fuel oil	<u>176,506,516</u>	<u>190,495,236</u>	<u>177,554,549</u>
TOTAL GALLONS TAX-EXEMPT SALES	431,466,026	510,963,063	461,424,318
TOTAL GALLONS TAXABLE SALES	<u>205,734,470</u>	<u>226,369,447</u>	<u>243,267,727</u>
TOTAL GALLONS ALL SALES	637,200,496	737,332,510	704,712,045

Prosecutions under the Fuel Oil Tax Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Number of prosecutions	1,578	1,412	1,622
Fines and costs paid	\$44,106.	\$42,150.	\$50,967.



Change of Name Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Certificates of Change of Name issued	309	332	356

## Accountants' Experience Appraisal Board

The Alberta Chartered Accountants Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Applications received	22	22	8
Applications revived	—	—	1
Certificates granted	17	12	1
Applications refused i) conditionally	4	6	5
ii) unconditionally	1	1	3
iii) incompletely documented	—	3	—

## Board of Examiners

The Chiroprody Professions Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Applications received	2	2	—
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	2	2	—

## Chiropractic Appraisal Board

The Chiropractic Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Applications received	8	19	13
Applicants approved	5	16	9
Applicants not approved	1	3	4
Applications carried over	2	—	—
Schools approved (graduates qualified to practise)	13	15	15





The Naturopathy Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Applications received	1	7	5
Applicants approved	—	6	5
Applicants not approved	—	1	—
Applications carried over	1	—	—
Schools approved (graduates qualified to practise)	17	18	18

Board of Examiners

The Optometry Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Applications received	1	1	9
Certificates granted			
i) graduates of Accredited Schools	—	1	5
ii) qualified on examination	—	—	1
Applications refused			
i) not qualified	—	—	1
ii) residence requirement	—	—	2
iii) failed on examination	1	—	—

Summary of all applications for certification

under the Professionals Acts up to December 31, 1957.

	<u>Chart. Acc.</u>	<u>Chiropody</u>	<u>Chiropractic*</u>	<u>Naturopathy*</u>	<u>Optometry</u>
Total applications received	101	7	38	12	43
Total certificates granted					
i) graduates of Accredited Schools	—	6	20	11	37
ii) qualified on examination	64	—	—	—	1
Total applications refused					
i) conditionally	19	—	—	—	2
ii) unconditionally	10	—	8	1	1
iii) failed on examination	—	1	—	—	2
iv) incompletely documented	7	—	—	—	—
Total Applications withdrawn	1	—	—	—	—

\* Applicants listed with the Appraisal Board since 1955 as graduates of accredited schools and qualified to practise.

INSURANCE BRANCH

TABLE IX

The Alberta Insurance Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Companies licensed 1) Dominion registered	341	341	345
2) Alberta incorporated	6	6	6
3) Extra-provincial	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
Total, Companies licensed	360	362	367
New Companies admitted	13	11	12
Companies withdrawn	4	6	6
Company mergers	--	3	1
Company inspections carried out	4	3	6
Agents' certificates of authority issued	4,979	4,982	5,334
Adjusters licences issued	145	143	150
Complaints received	193	215	307
Charges entered	7	4	51 *
Convictions obtained	7	4	49
Letters of warning	15	20	30

\* 45 charges were against one agent under the Criminal Code

The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Agents' and Salesmen's Licences issued	1,702	1,989	2,434
Complaints received	68	75	93
Charges entered	6	10	26
Convictions obtained	6	3	22
Cases dismissed or withdrawn	--	4	2
Cases pending	--	4	2
Letters of warning	17	12	17